

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's further Office Action of November 1, 2007 issued with respect to the present RCE application, the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims and the following Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to clarify that the performance of encryption and/or decryption is not part of the claimed invention and to specify that in the claimed method the second entity selects the secret information by requesting the corresponding values from the first entity and the first entity outputs the requested values to the second entity in response to this selection request. Support for this amendment can be found, for example, in the sections entitled "7 Key and key related data", "8 Operating and state data" and "9 Session data" of the present specification; and

dependent claims 2-21 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the Amendments to not add any new matter to the present application.

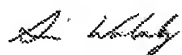
Regarding 35 USC 112, second paragraph Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the recitation of amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-21 dependent therefrom, is definite, because it is clearly recited that the performance of encryption and/or decryption is not part of the claimed invention and that in the claimed method the second entity selects the secret information by requesting the corresponding values from the first entity and the first entity outputs the requested values to the second entity in response to this selection request.

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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